(b) if so, the number of representations pending with Government regarding Secunderabad Cantonment;

(c) in what manner Government propose to dispose them; and

(d) the details of system to settle claims pending with Defence Ministry from Secunderabad Cantonment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Representations with regard to property issues are examined and decided upon at various levels depending upon the nature of the representation; by the competent authority in each case, after examination of the available records and in the light of the Government policy.

Changes in administration of Cantonment

1499. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any changes in the present system of administration in various Cantonments;

(b) if so, the details of changes proposed; and

(c) whether these changes will be implemented soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Government is reviewing the operation of existing legislation to identify the changes if any which may be needed to the Cantonments Act, 1924. No specific decision has yet been taken in the matter.

HIV Positive cases

1500. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that some of the personnel in army and other para military/security forces who have been on missions outside the country for variable period of time during the last five years have tested HIV positive;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether these persons are still continuing to be in the armed/security forces or their services have been terminated; and

(c) what is the policy of the World Health Organisation and what is the policy of Government of India regarding employment of HIV positive people and also about those who are already in service and have been found to be HIV positive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Twenty six personnel of the Army, on return from the UN Peace Keeping Mission in Cambodia were found HIV positive during the last five years. None of them have developed AIDS till date. These personnel are still in service and are on regulalr surveillance. However, one Master Warrant Officer (MWO) from the Air Force has died of AIDS in Lucknow. The source of his infection could be the repeated blood transfusion received by him in 1989 when he was on an assignment in Botswana. Besides these, two personnel of para military force have also tested HIV positive on return from missions abroad. Of them, one is still in service while the other has been dismissed from service on disciplinary grounds (not on grounds of HIV infection). The World Health Organisation advocates non discrimination with people who are HIV positive. India is one of the signatories to this resolution.

Non-availability of Medicines in Government hospitals

1501. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients are facing a lot of inconvenience due

to the non-availability of medicines even for ordinary diseases in Government hospitals in the country particularly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject, the State Governments monitor the various activities and functioning of health delivery systems. However, no such incident of non-availability of medicines for ordinary diseases has been reported from the Cenrtal Government hospitals.

केन्द्रीय मेडिकल कालेजों में शिक्षण कर्मचारियों के पदों से संबंधित नियमों का कार्यान्वयन

1502. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन मेडिकल कालेजों में शिक्षण कर्मचारियों के पदों से संबंधित भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद् के नियमों को लागू कर दिया है ;

(ख) लेडी हार्डिग मैडिकल कालेज में शिक्षण कर्मचारियों के पदों की स्थिति क्या है और उसमें प्रवेशार्थियों की क्षमताऐं क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या लेडी हार्डिग मैडिकल कालेज में शिक्षण कर्मचारियों की अपर्याप्त संख्या के कारण पूर्व-स्नातक छात्र प्रभावित नहीं हो रहे हैं ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी० सिल्वेरा) : (क) शिक्षा स्टाफ के पदों के लिए भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद के नियम सभी चिकित्सा कालेजों पर लागू होते हैं।

(ख) और (ग) मंजूरशुदा शिक्षण स्टाफ में से कुछ पद रिक्त होने की सूचना मिली है। इन रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए पहले ही कार्यवाही शुरू कर दी गई है। उक्त पद के लिए संबंधित भर्ती नियमों में यथानिर्धारित न्यूनतम शैक्षिक अर्हताएं पूरी करने वाले व्यक्तियों में से शिक्षकों की भर्ती की जाती है। अतः सभी शिक्षण स्टाफ अच्छी तरह अर्हताप्राप्त होता है।

Delay in issue of offer of appointment for the post of Chowkidar

1503. SHRI GHUFRAM AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the candidates who were interviewed for the post of Chowkidar in the reserved category of S.C., S.T. and OBC in the office of Addl. Director (North) CGHS Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi have been awaiting offer of appointment since long;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the selected candidates are likely to be issued the offer of appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The offer of appointment has already been issued to all the selected candidates.

Disparities in payscales of doctors

1504. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that physicians of Indigenous System of Medicine and Homoeopathy and Allopathic doctors employed under the CGHS are deriving similar benefits with regard